

## PGY-1 Residency Program FAQs

Q: *Besides completing the core rotations, what else do residents do?*

A: Residents generally have the responsibility of generating ADR reports and responding to drug information inquiries when encountered. Two Medication Use Evaluations will also be completed, one of which may be part of a longitudinal project. They are expected to present at Midyear, Eastern States and local P&T meetings. Additionally, the resident will work on articles for the pharmacy newsletter, and formulary/practice management related activities. Residents will also have opportunities to teach recitation sections and complete the teaching certificate program at Long Island University. There will also be other projects and presentations (usually 1 per clinical rotation) depending on the preceptor and how much one wants to get out the program. Two to three elective rotations are usually selected in addition to the core rotations. If certified as an immunizer, residents may be able to administer vaccines through the Walk-In Flu Clinic in the fall.

Q: *That seems like a lot of work, where can residents complete all this?*

A: The residents will share a large office, printer, microwave, Keurig coffee stand and refrigerator, each having a desk, computer, email account, and phone.

Q: *Do I have to be licensed? And if so, does it have to be NY?*

A: Yes, it is expected that residents be licensed by October 1<sup>st</sup> in **any state**. If you will be practicing with a NY license, you will be expected to take Part 3 when it is offered in late early June prior to starting the residency or take its equivalence through the residency program.

Q: *Do I have to be a U.S. citizen to apply?*

A: Yes. You should have already supplied a copy of your passport page, birth certificate or naturalization papers as part of your application for documentation purposes.

Q: *Are residents required to staff in the inpatient or outpatient pharmacy?*

A: Yes; we anticipate that your responsibilities of a service commitment of two weeks in the summer/fall as a decentralized pharmacist on an inpatient ward pharmacy plus one week or equivalent in the outpatient pharmacy during the week either in late December or the spring.

Q: *Do residents have to be on-call overnight to answer drug information questions or come into the hospital after-hours to make a stat IV?*

A: No, residents are not expected to be on overnight call.

Q: *Is housing provided?*

A: No, but there is ample housing in the commuting area and current residents and preceptors can give suggestions for places to live if needed.

Q: *Where are past residents now?*

A: More than a third of our residents have remained within the VA system, either here in the Bronx or at another facility. Overall, graduates are practicing as clinical pharmacists in hospitals, academia, nursing homes, and managed care, while others are working in industry. The possibility and rewards are endless with the knowledge and experience one gets from completing a residency program.